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## Kennedy chosen as president



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Mark Kennedy addresses media following his selection as UND president on March 15

SEAN CLEARY  
THE DAKOTA STUDENT

UND’s presidential search process has officially come to a close; former Congressman Mark Kennedy has been selected to be the next president of UND.

The State Board of Higher Education selected Kennedy on March 15 after interviewing him, along with finalists Steven Shirley and Nagi Naganathan, in the last stage of the search process.

Kennedy has experience in a variety of sectors, including business, government and higher education. He worked in executive po-

sitions at the Pillsbury Company and Federated Department Stores, now known as Macy’s.

He represented Minnesota’s second district from 2001 to 2003 and the state’s sixth district from 2003 to 2007 in the U.S. House of Representatives. After his time in the House, he continued to be involved in public service as a trade representative in both the Bush and Obama administrations.

Kennedy began his work in higher education at the Johns Hopkins University’s Carey Business School in Baltimore as an executive resident, and he started working at his current position as director of

the George Washington University Graduate School of Political Management in Washington, D.C., in 2012.

Kennedy said this combination of experiences will aid him when he begins his time as president of UND.

“You have to understand the academics and that we’re here to deliver a quality education experience for the students, as well as research that drives the state. I understand that from my years in academia,” Kennedy said. “But also it’s a large organization. The fact that I’ve led organizations larger than UND means that I’ll under-

stand all the administrative things that are essential to make sure that experience is being delivered for the students.”

Kennedy applauded the work that Interim President Ed Schafer has done so far at the university, and he recognized that there are difficult decisions that need to be made during tight budget circumstances.

“You have multiple student interests, and there is no easy answer,” Kennedy said. “It’s never without controversy, but yes, I think we should be prepared to

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## Music Therapy pushes back

NICK SALLEN  
THE DAKOTA STUDENT

UND music therapy students continue to protest the suspension of their program.

UND Interim President Ed Schafer said in a University Senate meeting last month that departments are responsible for making their priorities known to the administration.

However, a couple days later, the school administration reaffirmed its stance on suspending the music therapy program, despite the music therapy program being identified as a top priority by the music department.

Jenna Tullis, the President of AM-TAS, UND’s music therapy student organization, is concerned for the priorities of other departments facing budget cuts.

**“Until a final decision has been made, we’re going to do everything we can, respectfully and honestly to fight the good fight,”**

Jenna Tullis  
*President of AMTAS*

“If the administration can come into our department and completely disregard what our top priority is and cut our program, who’s to say that they aren’t going to start doing this to other departments,” Tullis said.

Due to North Dakota’s decreased revenue forecast, Gov. Jack Dalrymple said all state agencies would have to cut 4 percent from their budgets.

Last month, the State Board of Higher Education approved tuition increase rates of 2.5 percent for the 2016-17 academic year which should alleviate some of the university’s financial stress.

To deal with the budget cuts, Schafer announced a bottom-up process of submitting departmental budgets cutting both 5 and 10 percent that would be passed up to respective deans and finally on his desk for a final decision around April 15.

“We just met with the provost and it’s good to have talked with him,” Tullis said.

“Until a final decision has been made, we’re going to do everything we can, respectfully and honestly to fight the good fight.”

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## Grand Forks makes list of top college towns

STAFF REPORT  
THE DAKOTA STUDENT

Grand Forks was named the fifth best small college town in the United States by Schools.com last month, while Fargo took top honors in the online list.

The rankings were compiled based on a variety of factors: percentage of the population aged 18-34, percentage with a bachelor’s degree, median annual rent compared to earnings, unemployment rate, commute time, walkability and numbers of bars and restaurants per capita.

Schools.com assembled the list after surveying 170 cities with a population less than 150,000.

Grand Forks has a population of 56,057, with 18.5 per-



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Birds eye view of UND campus

cent of people over the age of 25 having a bachelor’s degree, according to the information provided by Schools.com.

The unemployment rate

in Grand Forks is 2.9 percent, which is well under the national average of 4.9 percent. The median annual rent was listed at \$7,224.

This is not the only list that Grand Forks has been included on recently. The Association of Defense Communities named Grand Forks one of the top defense communities in the United States at the end of February.

This recognition was based on how communities interact with and support military personnel and their families.

Additionally, Timeasset.com named Grand Forks as the United States’ top college hockey town in February.

Cities were measured both on their fan intensity and quality of life. Grand Forks was rated very highly in both measures and was clearly the winner, with a “Hockey Towns Index” of 94.36 compared to runner-up Hanover, N.H.’s, score of 90.76.



# Exceptional U Award presented to student

HALEY OLSON

THE DAKOTA STUDENT

UND Student Senate awarded the Exceptional U Award to Matthew Anderson on March 22 at the Memorial Union.

Student Senate awards UND faculty, staff members, and students who go out of their way to demonstrate kindness to others, in honor of Random Acts of Kindness Week, Feb. 14-20. The Exceptional U award is given monthly to UND staff members.

This award is given out every March and nominations are taken up until the last week in February.

Matthew Anderson received the Exceptional U award for the student body in 2016. Anderson is a junior majoring in biology with a premedical concentration. Anderson received this award after returning a dropped



Photo by Haley Olson/The Dakota Student  
Anderson and presenter pose with award

debit card on campus. This was his first Exceptional U award.

One morning on his way to physics, Anderson looked at the

ground and found a debit card in a puddle of water. Finding no one around, Anderson looked at the name and searched her on Facebook.

“I tried thinking of ways to contact her, but Facebook was the only thing that came to my head. Everyone has a Facebook account,” Anderson said.

After making contact with her, he returned it to her office. “I was hoping to get it back in time to her so she wouldn’t have to cancel the card,” Anderson said.

Anderson was excited after receiving the award.

“It’s an honor to receive this award. I wasn’t expecting it,” Anderson said. “It’s something people should do in their normal days. People should automatically do it, it shouldn’t be such an honor, just little acts of kindness.”

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keep a close eye on expenses constantly to make sure citizens are confident that their money is being well spent at the University of North Dakota.”

Throughout an interview with the Dakota Student, Kennedy stressed the need for the university administration to listen to the needs of the entire campus in order to make decisions, and then using that information to form a strategic plan for the university.

“In my mind, it has to be a constant outreach and searching for input that is necessary in terms of keeping your thumb on the pulse as to what is the thoughts that are out there amongst the student body,” Kennedy said. “Whatever the issue, we need to try to understand the tensions that are out there and what are the areas of consensus.”

When discussing issues related to affordability and student outcomes, Kennedy noted that UND is currently offering a very affordable education. While he agreed this is a good thing, he mentioned that UND should strive to be recognized not only for its affordability, but its quality of education.

“We need to have UND known for being more than affordable, and in many areas it already is, and we need to embrace those areas,” Kennedy said, highlighting programs such as aviation, accounting and rural health. Kennedy said the university needs to build prominent programs in a variety of disciplines so that UND graduates stand out to potential employers.

Kennedy stressed the need to include the input of faculty and staff when making decisions about the future path of the university.

“The heart of the ability of the university to deliver a quality experience for students is the faculty,” Kennedy said. “Clearly, as we’ve already seen, when you decide this area is a priority and perhaps others aren’t, those that aren’t priorities are not going to be happy, but it has to be a shared consensus decision to arrive at that with the broad-based faculty.”

Kennedy said that meeting with faculty and staff to understand their concerns will be an important part of his first 90 days on campus, along with interacting with student groups and other members of the community.

## “Whatever the issue, we need to try to understand the tensions that are out there and what are the areas of consensus.”

Mark Kennedy  
*incoming president*

He said he plans on hosting “pancakes with the president” and “coffee with Kennedy” in order to increase interaction on campus.

During his time at George Washington, the university started two international graduate programs. These include a Spanish language online masters program specifically targeted to Latin American government officials and a master’s degree in advocacy in the global environment, which features immersions in multiple locations around the world.

Kennedy said he will examine UND’s international programs as president to see where they can be improved.

“To really be preparing students for the future, we need to be offering them a wide array of international experiences and helping them to expand their global awareness,” Kennedy said.

Student Body President Matt Kopp was optimistic about Kennedy’s selection as president of the university.

“From what I’ve seen so far working on the presidential search committee and also being involved with his visit to campus, he’s been outstanding in being accessible to students, and I think that’s going to continue once he takes over as president,” Kopp said. “He has great experience as a business leader, leader in government and also in academia, and I think he is going to be a fantastic leader at the University of North Dakota.”

Kennedy earned his bachelor’s degree from St. John’s University in Collegeville, Minn. and his MBA from the University of Michigan.

Interim President Ed Schafer’s contract expires on June 30, Kennedy is expected to begin by July 1 at the latest.

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in the program.

The UND music department worked with two consultants in 2014 to identify the department’s strategic priorities. Both of these consultants identified music therapy as the department’s top priority.

As a result of those visits, music therapy was identified as the department’s top priority in a report to Dean Storrs. The music department provided Storrs with the required 95 percent and 90 percent budgets, neither of which included the suspension of the music therapy program.

Storrs did not accept either plans. Music therapy is the only undergraduate program identified for suspension in Storrs’ budget plans.

UND music therapy majors have a 100 percent pass rate on their national board exams needed for certification. The average pass rate for undergraduate music therapy programs across the country is 76 percent. Graduates also have a 100 percent job placement rate, with eleven alumni currently working in North Dakota.

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Jenna Tullis  
*President of AMTAS*

Some pundits say the music therapy program has been a revolving door of tenure track faculty members. UND music therapy faculty have stayed at UND for an average of 7.3 years.

The national average according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics is 4.9 years. In comparison, from 2008-2014, the College of Arts and Sciences went through three deans in six years.

Tullis believes the music therapy program is crucial to the music department’s recruiting efforts, in particular out-of-state and Canadian students. It is the only music therapy program in North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and the only public university option for Minnesota residents. More than 50 percent of the music therapy program is comprised of out-of-state students.

As the first state to pass licensure, North Dakota is a leader in the field of music therapy, with 80 percent of the music therapists in North Dakota receiving their training at UND.

Chris Feldmann, a music education major at UND, recalls the day he found out the program was getting suspended.

“The music therapy majors had a meeting and nobody knew what it was about,” Feldmann said. “We thought it was about (Meganne) Masko leaving. The next day I’m going to choir and I saw a bunch of my friends coming out bawling their eyes out, saying that the professors told them the therapy program was in danger of being suspended.”

Music therapy majors at UND must be understanding of both liberal arts and science courses.

“It’s an impressive study. That’s the thing that I think a lot of people don’t understand,” Feldmann said.

Within a four-year plan, music therapy majors will take anatomy, sociological statistics and multiple psychology classes while being well-versed in music theory and music therapy practices.

Currently, 80 percent of all licensed music therapists working in North Dakota graduated from UND.

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# El-Rewini reflects on search process, engineering

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Between a presidential search process and the activity occurring at UND's College of Engineering and Mines, it has been a busy year for Hasheem El-Rewini.



**El-Rewini**

El-Rewini is the dean of the College of Engineering and Mines and served as co-chairman of the Presidential Search Committee, along with Grant Shaft, former member of the State Board of Higher Education.

"We really had a very exciting journey for several months. We went through a number of phases. Phase one was to listen to the campus, including students, faculty, staff, alumni, community members and legislators," El-Rewini said. "After that, we deciphered that feedback into 14 points of attributes we would like to see in the president."

After developing the list of attributes, the search committee began advertising for the position, directing no less than 50 percent of advertising toward women and minority groups. El-Rewini said they reached more than 5,000 people through advertising and outreach efforts.

The 43 applicants were initially narrowed down to 16 people, who were then interviewed in Minneapolis. Six of these applicants were invited for on-campus visits, and three were recommended to the State Board of Higher Education, who made the final decision.

"I thought that it was very thorough process, and it was very inclusive," El-Rewini said. "We (the search committee) always had constructive conversation, very respectful dealing with each other."

The SBHE selected Mark

Kennedy on March 15, and El-Rewini said that Kennedy possessed many of the attributes initially highlighted by the committee, including having leadership skills, appreciating collaborative governance, valuing diversity and having a good understanding of the university system.

El-Rewini was confident that Kennedy will be the right person for the job, and he said Kennedy's lack of Ph.D. will not be a problem as he leads the university as president.

"He values the Ph.D. education, but at this point I don't think it will be an issue," El-Rewini said. "I think the overwhelming support of the faculty in the survey we conducted shows this won't be issue."

While El-Rewini has been putting in many hours of work with the presidential search process over the past several months, it has also been an active time at the College of Engineering and Mines. The new Collaborative Energy Complex has been under construction and is projected to open during Homecoming Week this October.

The CEC will connect Leonard Hall and Upson Hall I, creating a network that ties together the engineering buildings in the southeast corner of UND's campus. It will be nearly 37,000 square feet and will house research and teaching labs, study spaces and a student success center.

"It's not only the building, it's an ecosystem that will take our college and in turn our university into a truly different and new level in becoming the energy entity here in the state, in the region and hopefully in the country," El-Rewini said.

El-Rewini spoke about the growth of the college in recent history, and he sees the CEC as part of the long-term success of the college and university.

"In the last 10 years, UND grew by about 2,000 students.

Of those, 1,200 students came from engineering. So for the last 10 years, engineering contributed 60 percent of the growth," El-Rewini said. "That has put us in a good position now, and I expect us to continue to grow."

**"I come to work every morning so excited about what will happen that day because every day comes with some challenges and many, many opportunities."**

El-Rewini  
*dean of engineering*

During a time of tight budgets, El-Rewini said that UND should be sure to focus on what fits in the mission of the university and strive to focus on programs the university can excel at.

He described three conditions that he believes should be met as the university proceeds:

university leaders should be truthful, constantly communicate with the community about the rationale of their decisions and not shy away from making difficult decisions.

El-Rewini is a native of Egypt, and he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Alexandria. He said that it was the quality of education at the graduate level, particularly in science and technology fields, in the United States that prompted him to apply to and ultimately attend graduate school at Oregon State University.

"I think the graduate education in the United States is unparalleled; it's if not the best, one of the best in the world," El-Rewini said.

He graduated with a Ph.D. in computer science, and he was a professor at a number of institutions, including University of Nebraska Omaha and Southern Methodist University prior to becoming the dean of UND's College of Engineering and Mines in 2008.

El-Rewini advanced through his career from an assistant professor to an associate professor

to a full professor. When given the opportunity to serve as a department chairman at Southern Methodist University, he saw a way to contribute positively in a different fashion in a university setting.

Although El-Rewini serves as a dean at the university, he said he appreciates many of the aspects of being a professor, including teaching, research and service. He still works with new engineering students when they come to the college, and last spring he taught a class on cryptography and security to electrical engineering students.

"This is my eighth year, and the College of Engineering has been nothing but an exciting story for the last seven and a half years since I've come here," El-Rewini said. "I come to work every morning so excited about what will happen that day because every day comes with some challenges and many, many opportunities."

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# COMMENTARY

## Czerwiec's 911 call justified



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ROTC should have flyers out letting everyone know about their upcoming drill exercises.

**BRENDAN MCCABE**  
THE DAKOTA STUDENT

A letter to the Grand Forks Herald by UND associate professor Heidi Czerwiec has gained a lot of notoriety lately. In the letter, Czerwiec explains that she hid under her desk and called 911 after seeing two men dressed in camouflage carrying what she believed to be loaded firearms on campus. Several minutes after being reassured that the two men she had seen were more than likely ROTC cadets training in the quad, Czerwiec was called by a campus police officer and scolded for her report.

Her letter was shared by a multitude of news organizations, and a brief glimpse of the comments section on their websites showed that many people passed Czerwiec off as "an oversensitive liberal whose 'safe zone' got invaded."

A Facebook page titled "The People v. Heidi Czerwiec" was even created, with the intent to get the associate professor fired for her actions.

Before everyone judges Czerwiec on her reaction to seeing the ROTC cadets on campus, we should take a step back to think about the current climate we are living in.

In 2016, school shootings are a real threat. Terrorist attacks are a real threat. With ISIS and other militant groups taking credit for several mass killings across the globe over the past several months, the fear of an attack is an ever-present one. With that in mind, was Czerwiec's response to seeing men in military uniforms, carrying what appeared to be rifles on campus really that much of an overreaction?

One of the common criticisms Czerwiec receives is her reply to being told ROTC will continue to practice in the quad,

stating, "...I guess I will be calling 911 for the next couple of weeks — and I will. Every time."

At face value this does sound excessive and potentially illegal, based on North Dakota's laws regarding the report of a false crime. In her letter to the Grand Forks Herald, it does sound as though she is willing to call the police every time she sees ROTC training on campus. However, that is not the case.

In a statement to WDAZ-TV, Czerwiec explains her previous quote meant, "...I was saying that any time I see something suspicious that is not obviously part of a drill, I will call it in. At the university, we are told, 'if you see something, say something.' I am doing my job."

With this clarification, Czerwiec's quote makes much more practical sense.

Another common criticism is that students and faculty were sent an email that ROTC will be practicing military exercises in the quad throughout the spring semester, but Czerwiec neglected read said email.

I can honestly say I did not see the email either, but after a quick check of my inbox there it was. To alleviate this situation, the university has decided to send out notifications while ROTC is drilling. Hopefully, this will remove some of the anxiety surrounding their exercises.

While it is important that Czerwiec's side of the story be shared, that is not to say ROTC is in the wrong.

In her letter, Czerwiec states, "It's already highly inappropriate to conduct unnecessary military maneuvers in the middle of the quad."

Calling ROTC's exercises unnecessary is disrespectful to their storied organization. ROTC has been a part of this campus for

almost a century, teaching young men and women important skills that will stick with them for the rest of their lives. Members of ROTC have the right to use the quad as much as anyone else.

In another statement to WDAZ, Czerwiec states, "There is no reason in this day and age that you need to do these exercises on the middle of the quad. Do them somewhere else."

I believe this solution is a little misguided. The members of ROTC are students with schedules of their own, and I do not believe forcing them to drill at some new arbitrary location is the correct solution. If they were moved somewhere else on campus or even off campus, would that really solve the issue of unknowing civilians feeling unsafe?

The university's decision to send out notifications during ROTC's exercises would be a great step toward alleviating some of the tension that it can create. This could be supplemented with flyers around campus posted with ROTC's drilling times.

It all comes down to communication. Before every home hockey game, the Army ROTC Color Guard team presents the flag. During the ceremony, two cadets are holding rifles. It is safe to say there are no worries or undue stress surrounding this event, because everyone is expecting the rifles to be present in the ceremony.

If we could reach the same level of solidarity we feel with the color guard at hockey games as we do with ROTC cadets training on campus, the UND community will become a safer and happier place.

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## Smudging

**Letter to the editor**  
**By Andrew Janssen**

Smudging: What it is and what it isn't

The scent of burning sage and sweatgrass billowed the air at the American Indian Student Services on the UND campus during a smudging demonstration. Smudging is a sacred act practiced by many Native Americans where various herbs, including sage, cedar and sweatgrass are burned, intended to cleanse the mind, body, and soul.

The demonstration was given by the executive director of the NorthStar Council, Amber Finley. The NorthStar Council's mission is "empowering indigenous people through research, education and outreach."

A group of University of North Dakota nursing students has worked with the American Indian Student Services to help spread awareness to the public about the practice of smudging. As nursing students, we were rather skeptical of the idea of burning any type of plant indoors, as an institution of enforcing smoke-free environments has been well established over the last few years.

Before visiting the American Indian Student Services, our group of nursing students did not know much about the practice of smudging, but after the demonstration we were able to discover what smudging is and what it means.

Finley explained to us that the actual practice of smudging involves burning plants and herbs, creating an incense to cleanse the mind, body and soul of negative energy, a preparation for prayer, for ceremonial purposes, for soothing purposes, as well as medicinal purposes.

Finley first passed around various plants and herbs as well as an explanation of what each herb is traditionally used for. She passed around an abalone shell filled with burning, dried, prairie sage. Also she discussed sage's antimicrobial properties as the Native Americans would burn this herb daily to prevent illness while living in close quarters. Finley said she will add sage to her echinacea tea when she starts to feel a cold coming on and expressed that she is convinced of its effectiveness. Our group found that the aroma of the burning sage and sweatgrass was rather pleasant and relaxing!

Our group of nursing students has conducted several interviews with people who smudge to discover what some of the stigmas are of the practice. Many individuals we interviewed who practice smudging said that others not familiar with the practice assume that marijuana is being burned. One person interviewed even said that a police officer came to her apartment and he said with skepticism, "I'm from Arizona and the Natives there don't do that." It's interesting to note that smudging was permissible in her building, but there is a lack of knowledge involving the practice of smudging and UND Student Code of Life and UND Housing Policy.

We were very interested to learn that the practice of smudging can be performed on UND campus, including inside of the Student Memorial Union, UND Housing buildings, and other non-classroom buildings. Smudging is protected under the 1978 American Indian/Alaska Native Religious Freedom Act within the U.S. Constitution.

Our group of nursing students will continue to work with the Native American Student Services to educate the public about the spiritual practice of smudging.

For more information about smudging, you can contact the American Indian Student Services

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# Renewable energy must be campus wide

ZACH FLATEN

THE DAKOTA STUDENT

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We must ask ourselves two important questions. The first is how often have you set foot in the Gorecki Alumni Center, let alone ever? Do we even know how to pronounce the name of the building? Our second inquiry is whether we can replicate a process of using renewable energy throughout campus. A cost-benefit analysis can prove that using renewable energy to power our buildings is costly but will pay off in the long run, or in the Gorecki building's case, the not so long run.

Obviously, now is not the time to be proposing new additions to our school as we struggle through a budget shortfall. However, it's important to start discussing, as a school, how we can reduce our carbon footprint, which is likely to be significant. Plenty of recycling bins for paper, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, and other recyclables are spread around campus, but we must go further in our efforts. The last two apartments I've lived in have lacked recycling bins and it is up to the individual to request them from the city. We all know



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how college students put off tasks like that because it falls lower on our priority list.

Grand Forks and UND can work together to facilitate recycling and use renewable energy, particularly wind energy, solar — in our few months of sunlight — and geothermal. The costs, right away, will not be a favorable part of the program and must be modeled through a careful planning process to not waste money.

Renewable energy is not only feasible because of its future sav-

ings in reducing our carbon footprint; it is notable that plenty of tax breaks exist for colleges converting their energy from nonrenewable to clean. Savings are given through an investment tax credit that allows colleges and universities to cover the cost of equipment and its installation up to 30 percent of the total cost. Right off the bat, the university only effectively pays 70 percent of the cost.

Kent State University in Ohio has made the jump to clean energy, using an acre of solar panels to

collect sunlight, helping to power the campus. Ball State University in Indiana has invested heavily in geothermal energy to replace coal powered boilers, which saves them over \$2 million every year.

If these much smaller schools can lead the way into developing renewable power, then why can't a bigger and better school help lead the way? Xcel Energy is even planning to double its current usage of wind and solar power, while planning to reduce emissions by over 40 percent in the next 15 years.

UND has a research facility called the Energy and Environmental Research Center, which is carbon emission free and conducts tests of the development of renewable energy in the community. The time is now for the rest of the UND campus and Grand Forks to get on board with the future of energy.

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# Budget cuts or arts and humanities cuts

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Students of the music therapy program gathered in groups and spread across the area between O'Kelly and Merrifield. They carried and used their instruments to demonstrate why music therapy shouldn't be suspended.

Other students who passed by were asked to sign petitions that would hopefully help keep the program alive. These students were subjected to an unreconciled decision made on their behalf. "It's very important to keep music therapy, because it's such a growing field. Right now North Dakota is a leader in music therapy and cutting this program would put us years behind," Melea Hoeffner said.

It is evident that this program is important and essential to students, faculty members and the future of therapy, but why were these students not included in the decision making?

Emily Wangen wrote a letter that was published in the Grand Forks Herald asking UND's administration to seriously consider the detriments of this suspension and to put into account the students they're pushing to the side.

"I am appalled at the way the UND administration is handling the budget reduction process," Wangen wrote.



Photo by Ekram Kofiah/ The Dakota Student

Students gathered in the quad to demonstrate the importance of music therapy at UND.

"Students invest thousands of tuition dollars in UND each year, for which they deserve an exceptional education. They also deserve to be dealt with fairly and honestly during this process."

How many students have had or continue to have no idea about what is going on with UND's budget cuts?

The suspension of the music therapy program is alarming not

only because of its consequences but precisely because the administration has been making decisions on our behalf. Those of us who are sincerely concerned must ask a lot of questions, but frequently, we only end up with more confusing and partial answers.

The dean of Arts and Sciences, Debbie Storrs, said in an article published in the Grand Forks Herald that the music

therapy program "will change things in music and I recognize that but it's the reality we're dealing with."

One ought to question their reality that consists of economic thinking and areas of growth. It is obviously not the same reality students are living in. The administration and students live in two different worlds, and students are the ones forced to continue dealing with decisions they

had no role in and yet concern them entirely.

Beatrice Marovich is a scholar of Christianity and women and religion. It has been made official that her position will be cut after the 2016-2017 academic year.

In other words, UND will have no dedicated, high-quality professors for courses in contemporary Christianity or in women, gender and religion. In light of today's political, social and cultural events the compromising of such a valuable faculty member and expertise prevents students from learning crucial subjects.

Rebecca Rozelle-Stone, director of Women and Gender Studies, said, "Students who are not prepared to understand or think critically and sensitively about these issues of identity and dynamics of power will not be on par to be the sort of global citizens and influences that UND wishes to create."

Why are students kept in the dark regarding the endangerment of certain programs until it is too late? What is the future of other arts and sciences programs, faculty members and students? These are questions concerning to all of us who truly care about the quality of education.

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# UND represented at physics conference

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Two students and two professors represented UND at the American Physical Society's annual March Meeting last month. This year's event, which took place in Baltimore, hosted nearly 10,000 physicists, scientists and students.

The APS March Meeting is a chance to share groundbreaking research from industry, universities and major labs, according to the APS website.

For Pragalv Karki, this year's meeting was his first. A doctoral student in UND's physics program, Karki studies condensed matter physics, which includes solids and liquids.

In Baltimore, Karki heard about breakthroughs in superconductivity, his area of expertise. Specifically, he learned about research in increasing the operating temperature of high-temperature superconductors. In the world of superconductivity, high temperature can mean around minus 94.

"Superconductors work at really low temperatures, and the research has been focusing on how to bring that temperature up so we can have these superconductor materials at regular temperatures," Karki said.

Karki, who moved to the U.S. from Nepal in 2008, earned a bachelor's degree from Minnesota State University Moorhead. He became interested in UND after attending a presentation by UND professor Kanishka Marsinghe.

The small department size at UND suits Karki, who appreciates the high level of faculty-student interaction. He said he also appreciates the opportunity to attend events such as the APS March Meeting. This year's trip was funded by UND's Research Development & Compliance office, the School of Graduate Studies and Intercollegiate Academics Fund.

Karki's interest in physics began in high school when he read Carl Sagan's "Cosmos." He said the book sparked a curiosity of how nature works.

"That really opened the door

**"That really opened the door to so many questions I had in my mind. That book was the point where I really wanted to do physics."**

Pragalv Karki  
*physics student*

to so many questions I had in my mind," Karki said. "That book was the point where I really wanted to do physics."

Karki was joined at the March Meeting by fellow student Albert Schmitz and their professors, William Schwalm and Yen Lee Loh.

Loh, who earned a doctorate from Cambridge University, has attended nearly every APS March Meeting since 2005. He said it's a great chance opportunity for networking and collaboration, especially for students.

"UND is still a small school, small department," he said. "If you stay here, you get just a small cross section. But when you go to these meetings, you see all the stuff that's going on across the U.S., all over the world."

One of the biggest discoveries in physics this year was the detection of gravitational waves, something Albert Einstein predicted 100 years ago as part of his theory of general relativity.

Gravitational waves fall under astrophysics, but there also are exciting things happening in condensed matter physics, including discoveries in high-temp superconductors.

This year's March Meeting also had a friendlier atmosphere than usual, according to Loh.

"I'd say people were more collegial than usual," Loh said. "Physicists can be pretty blunt about speaking their opinions. Usually you see some fights happening, but I really didn't see that this time."

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The Dakota Venture Group is the only completely student-run investment fund in the country.

## Investing in the future

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The Dakota Venture Group is a student-run investment fund based out of UND's Center for Innovation. DVG invests in high-growth companies started by entrepreneurs. What makes DVG unique is that, unlike other "student-run" funds, every decision is made by students.

In other groups, students do the legwork and present their findings to a board, which then makes the decisions. Students in DVG are involved in every step, from screening companies, doing due diligence, communicating with CEOs, doing the legal work and making the final calls, according to Emily O'Brien, DVG's chairwoman.

Returns from investments made by DVG's Innovation Fund go back into the fund for future investments. DVG also created the for-profit Harvest Fund in 2012.

Both funds give students an opportunity to experience investing before their careers start, rather than when they're retired. This can result in highly employable skills.

"When professionals ask what I do, their minds are blown," O'Brien said. "They can't believe that students from the age of 20 to 25 are doing things of this nature."

O'Brien has heard from alumni that their experiences at DVG have helped set them apart in job interviews.

"Being able to explain that you're managing X amount of money, or you're investing in real-life start-up companies, that you get to make those decisions, it's a big deal," O'Brien said.

Students in DVG also learn what it takes to find replacements for when they move on. Prospective members go through an orientation and training process. They also get two chances to pass a test before becoming members of DVG. O'Brien said organization and transparency is key throughout this process, which can be as challenging as the actual investing.

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Emily O'Brien  
*Dakota Venture Group*

It used to be mainly entrepreneurship students that applied to DVG, but now applicants come from a variety of fields. Current DVG members include students majoring in engineering, pre-medicine, investing, finance, accounting, economics and French.

"We cover all of campus and the schools," O'Brien said. "It's pretty cool to have students of different disciplines. You become friends with people you'd normally not cross paths with."

Members in DVG have the opportunity to work in the Center for Innovation in the state-of-the-art Ina Mae Rude Entrepreneur Center.

"We're being housed in the Center for Innovation, so we have the freedom to utilize the space, which is beautiful," O'Brien said. "We're able to come in and have a space to meet and a network of extremely successful individuals that are willing to help and advise us."

O'Brien comes from Lakeville, Minn. She is working toward a master's degree in entrepreneurship, a program that is being developed at UND. She said she isn't sure what she will do after graduation, but she is content focusing on the present.

"I work full-time at the Center for Innovation," she said. "I love being here and working with entrepreneurs and companies. I really enjoy what I'm doing right now."

O'Brien also is the president of the College of Business Student Advisory Council. Recently she graduated from the University Innovation Fellows program at Stanford University. The program is for students who want to improve innovation, change and entrepreneurship opportunities on campus.

O'Brien's advice for students who desire change and innovation is to not be afraid. This was one of the important things she has learned during her time in DVG.

"I've learned that it's OK to not know the answer to everything," she said. "I've learned to not be afraid to jump into situations I normally wouldn't. I think that will be my biggest takeaway."

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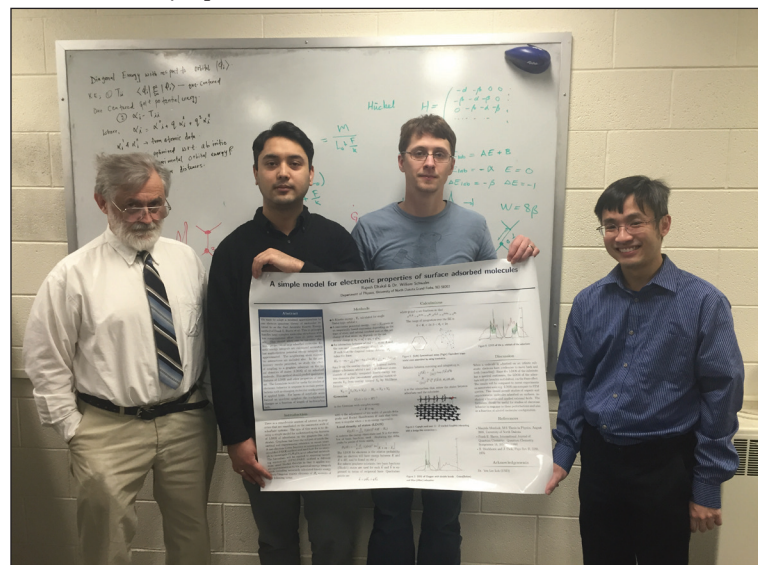


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UND professor William Schwalm (left), student Pragalv Karki, student Albert Schmitz and professor Yen Lee Loh attended the American Physical Society's March Meeting last month.

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the ball and make them defend what we put out there.”

While this has been the case for some crucial wins, the Fighting Hawks have been kept off the board six times this season, while also losing an additional six to the eight-run rule.

One of those shutouts came from the first conference week-end against Sacramento State, who swept UND. Since moving to Division I, UND has yet to claim a win against a stout Sacramento State team. The Hornets rank No. 3 in the preseason polls and are currently tied with Montana for first in the Big Sky.

At 10-21, the Fighting Hawks are currently tied for last place with Northern Colorado.

Though the opening of the season has been rough, the Fighting Hawks will be looking forward to a home-field advantage.

UND opens its first home series of the weekend against Idaho State. The Hawks will play a doubleheader today starting at 2 p.m., with game two starting at 4 p.m. The two teams will then finish off the series at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Apollo Sports Complex in Grand Forks.

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# Spring football off to physical start

## UND coach Bubba Schweigert's philosophy has started to take root in third year

HUNTER PLANTE  
THE DAKOTA STUDENT

When Bubba Schweigert took over the UND football program two seasons ago, he instituted a slogan that he wanted to get across to every single player on the Fighting Hawks.

“Day by day.”

Schweigert’s philosophy has rubbed off on his players and the results have shown.

UND finished with a 7-4 record last year, but they were left out of the FCS playoffs. In 2016, they want to make sure they aren’t the ones on the outside looking in, and that starts with the 15 spring practices.

The first day of practices started on a 30 degree day in early March. While the temperature may have been chilly outside,

it was a warm 70 degrees in the brand-new High Performance Center.

“Day one is the most important day,” Schweigert said. “We have to do our job every day and take it one day at a time.”

Day three saw the first day of full pads, and for the football fans of the Fighting Hawks, this is an exciting time. With the addition of the HPC, March 7 is the earliest a UND football team has ever practiced in full pads.

Even with the pads cracking, Schweigert still saw room for improvement on the physical side of things.

“We’ve got to be a more physical football team,” Schweigert said. “We need to keep putting forth a great effort at that stuff.”

Schweigert also put a stress on staying healthy.

“Look at a player like Larry Fitzgerald and you know why he stays in the National Football League for so long,” Schweigert said. “He does everything off the field like a champion, and that’s who we need to be like as a team.”

Before spring break, UND held practice number four. This time around, the practice did not meet the approval of Schweigert.

“Overall, I thought it was kind of blah,” Schweigert said. “There were too many low spots, and we have to fix that.”

Coming off of spring break, Schweigert figured that his guys would be a little rusty, but he believed that all-in-all, practice No. 5 was a solid practice.

“It took us a while to get into the flow of things,” Schweigert said. “But overall, we took care of the ball, our QB-center exchange-

es were crisp as we got into our inside runs and team periods.”

Defensive coordinator Paul Rudolph wanted to see progress and consistency in these 15 spring practices, and at the half-way point, that is exactly what he is seeing.

“I think we have made progress the last three days,” Schmidt said. “Now it’s really important for us as a defense to get a lot of our young guys some reps so we can build on our depth.”

UND has yet to go “live” this spring but they are tentatively scheduled to do so during today’s morning session at HPC.

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# Baseball slides after hot start

The Fighting Hawks have lost seven straight games and currently sit at a 3-13 record

ADAM GUNDERMAN  
THE DAKOTA STUDENT

As the weather warms up, fans get closer and closer to being able to watch UND baseball in Grand Forks.

The baseball team has hit a rough patch as they have lost seven straight games and hold a 3-13 record.

This last weekend, the team dropped three one-run games in their first series against conference opponent Sacramento State.

Although the team as a whole is struggling, pitching staff ace Zach Muckenhirn continues to mow down opponents. The junior notched 14 strikeouts in his 7.1 innings of work and only gave up

one run. Unfortunately, that was the deciding run as Sacramento State would not give up any runs to the Fighting Hawks and won 1-0.

“It was a great pitching duel on Friday night in conference play. That’s what you’d expect,” UND coach Jeff Dodson said. “Zach Muckenhirn pitched his heart out with a career-high 14 strikeouts, but we didn’t come up with the run we needed and couldn’t push a run across.”

Offensively, UND was led by Miles Lewis. The freshman recorded three of the Hawks’ five hits on Friday afternoon, good for his impressive sixth multi-hit game of the season. Lewis currently holds a .349 batting average on the season.

On Saturday, the Fighting Hawks took on the Hornets in a double header. UND got a solid outing by the big right-hander Brett DeGagne, who gave up one run in his seven innings, striking out nine Hornet batters. He also helped himself with an RBI double.

Despite the senior’s good outing, the team went into the 8th

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Jeff Dodson  
UND head coach

inning up one run but then went into the 9th tied 2-2.

The game went into extra-innings, but UND was unable to generate any offense. Sacramento State would go on to score the game-winning run in the 11th inning.

In the second game of the double-header, the two teams would trade runs after the Fighting Hawks scored an unearned run in the first inning. The Hornets scored a run in the second and third innings, while UND struck back for single runs in the fifth and sixth innings to take a 3-2 lead.

In the bottom of the sixth, the

Hornets would tie the game at 3-3 and then go on to score another run in the 8th to make it 4-3. That run would prove to be the winner as UND could not get any runs in after loading the bases with one out in the 9th.

Runners left on base was a common theme in the nightcap as UND stranded 12 runners throughout the contest.

“Tough series for us with three one-run games with a quality club like Sacramento State is nothing to sneeze at,” Dodson said. “We just have to be better in run-producing situations and it’s something that’s been plaguing us all year.”

UND will try to get the season back on track this weekend against Utah Valley in a three-game series starting at 7 p.m. tonight.

The Fighting Hawks’ first home series starts next weekend at 1 p.m. at Kraft Memorial Field as they take on Seattle University.

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# A tale of two tournaments



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The Fighting Hawks struggled in the NCHC Frozen Faceoff but were dominant last weekend in the NCAA Regionals and are on their way to the Frozen Four.

ALEX STADNIK  
THE DAKOTA STUDENT

When the UND men's hockey team started the postseason, they did not resemble the NCHC regular season champions that dominated the regular season. But since then, the Fighting Hawks have returned to form in the NCAA Regionals. The Hawks are in the Frozen Four for the third straight year and have a chance to capture their eighth national title. "We're grateful to punch our ticket to Tampa," UND coach Brad Berry said. "It doesn't come easy or lightly. It's a process that we had to go through since the

beginning of the season. Our guys believed. It's team-first, and I think you witnessed that this weekend." As it has been the past three years, UND's road to the Frozen Four has not been an easy one. The Hawks went into the NCHC Frozen Faceoff as the No. 1 seed but finished the weekend in a tie for third place after a semifinal loss to Minnesota Duluth and a tie with Denver. In the loss to the Bulldogs, UND came out firing with forward Nick Schmaltz scoring on the first shot of the game. From there, a desperate UMD team took over the game and outskated

the Hawks for a score of 4-2. Unfortunately, things did not get much better against Denver the next night. The third place game ended in a 1-1 tie where both teams had its sights set on the future. UND is now 1-4-1 in the NCHC Frozen Faceoff over the last three seasons. But then it was time for the NCAA Regionals, it was as if a switch flipped for the UND players. The Hawks started last weekend in commanding fashion when they opened the tournament in Cincinnati with a 6-2 victory over a hot Northeastern squad. Even

though the Huskies jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first, UND dominated the rest of the game and limited Northeastern to two goals for the first time since early February. The Fighting Hawks were also able to find their offense again as the team tallied six goals on 36 shots over the course of the team's victory. "I thought our guys were sharp and they were all-in right away," Berry said. "It goes to the fact that these guys have a goal to get to. Tonight, we checked the first box." The offensive dominance continued during the next game

against the Big 10 champion Michigan Wolverines. The Hawks spent the majority of the game in Michigan's zone, peppering the Wolverines with 24 shots in the first period and 49 over the course of the game. The offensive pressure paid off as UND was able to pull away from Michigan 5-2. Because UND players were able to refocus after a less-than-stellar opening to the postseason, the Fighting Hawks are now set to play NCHC rival Denver at 7:30 p.m. April 7 in Tampa, Fla. Alex Stadnik is the sports editor for The Dakota Student. He can be reached at alex.stadnik@und.edu

## Softball struggles to start the season

Kaylin VanDomelen and Taylor Hansen's Big Sky awards, along with a five-game win streak highlight a 10-21 season



File Photo by Nick Nelson/The Dakota Student  
Pitcher Taylor Hansen pitches in a game last season.

ALLYSON BENTO  
THE DAKOTA STUDENT

With just more than 30 games played and their first conference series in the books, first year UND coach Jordan Stevens and his squad have faced a fair share of shortcomings. On the season thus far, the team stands 10-21 overall and has dropped all three conference games against Sacramento State. Looking forward at the remaining games, adjustments must be made on the defensive end in order to stay in contention in the Big Sky Conference. The season has not been a complete tragedy though as the team has been able to set records and claim accolades as well. After failing to win a single game in the USF Under Armour Invitational, UND triumphed the following weekend and claimed

five consecutive wins at the Santa Clara Invitational. This is the program's best winning streak since moving to Division I in 2012. The winning streak caught attention in the Big Sky Conference and both player and pitcher of the week were awarded to UND players. Sophomore Kaylin VanDomelen went 3-0 in three complete games, struck out 24 opposing batters, only allowed two earned runs and collected a 0.67 ERA over the course of 21 innings. Michigan native Taylor Hansen was able to win Big Sky Player of the Week after hitting for a .471 batting average during the winning streak with seven RBIs and two doubles. She also recorded a career-high four RBI outing in the 4-2 win over Iona. Overall, she holds a .333 batting

average and leads the team with 14 RBIs. VanDomelen's and Hansen's awards were even more special for the UND softball program. The Big Sky Pitcher of the Week honor is the first ever for the program, while the Player of the Week honor is the second in program history. These awards are that much more special for UND as VanDomelen is the first pitcher in school history to win that award, while Hansen is the second player at UND to win her respective honor. Looking back at the beginning of the year, the team instilled confidence in their ability to play offensive softball. "We can all hit the ball, that's what our plan of attack is," senior Megan Keegan said. "Hit

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